

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **20.5282 Ha** of forest land in Bellampally and Karimnagar East (Presently Peddampally) Division for Constructions of 800 KV HVDC Raigarh Puglur Transmission line in Adilabad and Karimnagar District in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. – **Final (Stage-II) approval** – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 31

Dated: 04-11-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.21204/2015/FCA-3/PS, Dated:26.02.2018.
2. State Govt. Lr.No. 813/For.I (1)/2018, Dated:23.03.2018.
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, (South Eastern Zone), Chennai, F.No.4-TSC117/2018-CHN/0504,Dt.05.04.2018.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Ref.No.21204/2015/FCA-3/PS, dt:30.05.2020.
5. State Govt.Lr No.813/For.I(1)/2018,Dated:29.06.2020.
- 6 .From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4 –TSC117/2018-CHN/802, dt.28-09-2020.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **20.5282 Ha** of forest land in Bellampally and Karimnagar East (Presently Peddampally) Division for Constructions of 800 KV HVDC Raigarh Puglur Transmission line in Adilabad and Karimnagar District in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Chennai for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby, accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 20.5282 Ha of forest land in Bellampally and Karimnagar East (Presently Peddampally) Division for Constructions of 800 KV HVDC Raigarh Puglur Transmission line in Adilabad and Karimnagar District in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;

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3. The State Forest Department shall carry - out the Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 42.1288 ha. of degraded forest land identified in Compt No.15 & 16 of Rayadandi RF, Peddampet Beat, Ramagundem Section, Peddapalli Range. Minimum of 1000/ plants/ ha of diverted area (minimum 21420 plants in total) shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency. So also the map along DGPS co-ordinates of such forest area shall be furnished to this office;
4. The degraded forest land identified for CA and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
6. The State Forest Department shall make plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
7. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 69 mtrs;
8. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/sub let to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
10. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternative fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damaged/tree felling;
11. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
12. All efforts shall to be taken to minimize the felling of trees from the proposed forest area;
13. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas; where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
14. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation, and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 20.5282 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

16. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Bellampally Division in SI.No.12(v) (a) & (b) of part-II i.e 9.3 ha of forest land and 150.946 ha of non forest land and DFO, Peddamplaly Division in SI.No.12(v) (a) of part-II i.e 95.44 ha of forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
 17. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
 18. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
 19. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the DDG (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To

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SECTION OFFICER.